Payment of Bills of Railway Labour Societies by Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad

526. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some time schedule has been fixed by the Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Allahabad, for preparation and submission of coal handling, cinder picking and ash handling bills of Labour Cooperative Societies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the timely payment of bills is being deliberately delayed by accounts dealing assistants;

(d) the details of complaints received from Societies during the last three years regarding harassment and delayed payment of bills together with action taken thereon; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to tackle the problem to ensure timely payment to workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Bills regarding Coal Handling, Cinder Picking and Ash Handling received by Allahabad Division for payment

527. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Coal handling cinder picking and ash handling bills received from each Society separately on Allahabad Division for different Loco Sheds and when the same were forwarded to Accounts Office at Allahabad during the period January. 1985 to February, 1987, month-wise separately;

(b) the date against each bill when the CO7 was passed by the Accounts Officer;

(c) when the cheques for payment were made out by the Cheque Writers in respect of each bill for the above mentioned period; and

(d) whether in spite of repeated complaints for demanding illegal gratification no action has been taken either by the Divisional Railway Manager or Divisional Accounts Officer against erring staff; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

CBI/Income Tax Raids on Railway Officers

528. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Railway Officers detected during raids conducted by CBI or Income Tax authorities during the last three years for having acquired assets disproportionate to their known sources of income;

(b) what action has been taken against these officers; and

(c) what effective steps are proposed to be taken to eliminate corruption from railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The following steps are taken to curb corruption on the Railways:—

(i) Development of sources of information, identification of corruption prone areas and persons of doubtful integrity.

(ii) Keeping watch on the work/activities of such persons and in such areas.

(iii) Conducting frequent and surprise checks.

(iv) Prompt investigation of all genuine complaints.

(v) Prompt initiation of proceedings for taking deterrent disciplinary action or prosecution in Court.

(vi) Close and frequent liaison with the CBI with whom useful information is exchanged.

Recommendation of R.R.C. regarding R.D.S.O., Lucknow

529. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whther R.D.S.O. Lucknow is being dismantled according to the recommendations of the Railway Reforms Committee;

(b) what are the other Railway Reforms Committee recommendations affecting the RDSO, Lucknow;

(c) whether the labour organisations of the RDSO were consulted in the matter and if so, what was their response; and

(d) whether the affectedd staff is proposed to be absorbed in other railway departments at Lucknow or to be transferred outside?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) It is presumed that the reference of the Honeurable Member is to the recommendation of aaaoooa aoaoo oaoaoa oaao:it)te tetet taining to staff of R.D.S.O. The major recommendations made by the Committee in this context are indicated below:—

(i) RDSO should primarily be all R&D Instiution having preponderance of technical personnel, Peripheral functions like maintenance of colonies and watch and ward should be gradually shed and non-technical personnel should be replaced by qualified technical personnel.

(ii) To attract Engineering Graduates to non-gazetted technical assignments, their promotion prospects should be adequately improved.

(iii) Reprographic machines should take over the work done by tracers while computer-aided drafting machines should gradually take over the work done by drafts men.

(iv) The Architectural Directorate of RDSO may be abolished and for designs of major projects, the Railways may take advantage of the expertise available with well-known Architecture firms, Research Institutions and Universities.

The subject came up for discussion in the meetings of the Office Council of RDSO wherein staff expressed their views;

(d) The affected staff have been asked to give their options for redeployment which will be arranged within RDSO, Divisional office at Lucknow and elsewhere on Zonal Railways depending upon availability of vacancies.

India Vs. Pakistan Cricket Debacle

530. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the Cricket debacle in the recent cricket test series and one day international matches with Pakistan, Government have reviewed the causes for the miserable performance of the Indian team with a view to bring about changes in the composition of the team; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?